

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This application was allowed on June 27, 2005. Applicants subsequently paid the Issue Fee on August 18, 2005. Approximately 5 months after paying the Issue Fee, and after several phone calls to the Office of Publications and to Group Art Unit 3632 to check application status, the Examiner in this case informed Applicants, via telephone, that while the substitute specification filed June 21, 2000, was otherwise acceptable, a marked up copy showing the changes made in that prior substitution must be provided before the allowed case would be issued.

The Examiner specifically stated that Applicants were required to provide a marked-up copy relative to the originally filed specification showing changes made using conventional strike-through and underline notation to show those changes.

In response, Applicants have presented a copy of the originally filed specification with the appropriate notation to indicate the changes made by way of the substitute specification filed June 21, 2000. Note that since a clean version of the substitute specification was previously provided, it is not attached again to this correspondence.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully suggest that they have now complied with every request made in this case, and that having paid the issue fee on August 18, 2005, the application is ready for issuance at the earliest possible opportunity. Additionally, in an effort to facilitate the immediate issuance of the subject application, Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any further questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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